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3.	Phalodi-Nagaur	147	projects acute constraint of resources and unremunerative nature of the lines, it was not considered feasible to take up these works.
4.	Bilara-Bar	45	These surveys have been taken up.
5.	Jaisalmer-Barmer	170	Further consideration of the projects
6.	Ujjain-Jhalawar/Ramganjmandi	190	would depend upon results of the
7.	Bari Sadri-Nimach	50	survey, once the survey reports
8.	Pushkar-Merta Road	40	become available.
9.	Anupgarh-Khajuwala-Ramgarh-Jaisalmer	485	
10.	Ajmer-Kota	210	

Container train services by private parties

3789. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced scheme for running container train services by private parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of responses to the scheme received, so far, indicating the details of parties applied for operation licence and those who have been granted;

(d) whether Government are seized of the concern of the industry sources that container service would be facing hurdles due to shortage of train wheels and axles in the country; and

(e) if so, the steps contemplated, if any, to address this concern?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the scheme the operator will procure his own rolling stock and have a suitable access to a rail linked Inland Container Depot (ICD) and pay to the Railways haulage charges applicable uniformly to all operators.

(c) Fourteen operators have applied for permission to run container trains and all of them have been given 'In principle' approval.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Private parties should import the wheels and axles to meet their requirement. Indian Railways are also importing their shortfall requirements of wheels and axles.

Survey of projects

3790. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken survey in respect of the projects *i.e.* Miraj-Latur (*via* Jat Sangli), Guhagar (Chiplun) Lonand, Pune-Miraj-Kolhapur (Doubling), Konkan Railway Connection to Kolhapur *via* Nandgaon, Jalna-Washim and Shegaon-Jalna;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The details are as under:—

Sl.No.	Survey/Project	Remarks
1.	Miraj-Latur (Gauge Conversion)	Gauge conversion of Miraj-Latur with extension from Latur to Latur Road is already a sanctioned project. Jath Road is a station on this line in Sangli District.
2.	Guhagar (Chiplun) Lonand (105 km.) new line	No such survey has been done for this new line as there is already heavy throwforward of ongoing projects.
3.	Pune-Miraj-Kolhapur doubling	An updating survey for doubling of Pune-Miraj-Kolhapur doubling (326 kms) has been completed.
4.	Konkan Railway Connection to Kolhapur *via* Nandgaon, Jalna-Washim and Shegaon-Jalna.	Surveys for Connecting Kolhapur with Ratnagiri on Konkan Railway and new line from Jalna-Khamgaon (near Shegaon) had been conducted in the past. The proposals could not be taken up due to unremunerative nature and constraint of resources. No survey for Jalna-Washim line has been done as there is already heavy throwforward of ongoing projects.